



COUNTY OF PLACER
**SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY
COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
SQUAW VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
April 5, 2018**

Pursuant to notice given, a meeting of the Squaw Valley Municipal Advisory Council (SVMAC) was held on Thursday April 5, 2018 in the Squaw Valley Public Service District Community Meeting Room in Olympic Valley, California.

1. Call to Order

STEPNER called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stepner, Calhoun, Lange, Bazjanac, and Georgiu.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adriani

STAFF PRESENT: Romack and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

3. Approval of Agenda

LANGE/CALHOUN/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 2017

BAZJANAC/CALHOUN/Carried with abstention from LANGE

5. Reports

A. Supervisor/Tahoe Field Representative Reports

ROMACK announced Placer County is hosting community workshops on April 18 and 19 to consider ways of improving the commercial and residential permitting process. On April 25, the County is hosting a Sustainability Plan workshop at the Kings Beach Event Center.

The Board of Supervisors is meeting at the Kings Beach Event Center on April 23 and 24. Agenda items include the proposed garbage fee increase and an update on the old Tahoe City firehouse proposals.

The landfill is offering free hazardous waste and mattress drop-off.

B. Community Reports

ERIN CASEY from the Placer County CEO's office reported the Board of Supervisors has approved the make-up of the Capital Projects Advisory Committee. The Committee's first meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 6:00 PM at the Kings Beach Event Center. Future meetings will be held on the last Thursday of each month at various locations.



FRED ILFELD from the Squaw Valley Public Service District Board of Directors announced the newly formed Park and Recreation Committee will meet on April 24 at 1:00 PM, following the SVPSPD Board meeting. There will be presentations from the County Parks Department at both meetings.

6. Public Comment

STEPNER reported he attended this morning's Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association (TNT TMA) meeting. With the change in how Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is allocated, TMA is now responsible to review and make recommendations on funding for transportation projects. This morning's meeting was to hear presentations from applicants. The County is requesting for \$150,000 the bus-on-shoulder project on Highway 89 and to fund 30-minute headways for TART. The TNT TMA Board also heard a presentation regarding the proposed local transit district that would provide on-demand service between the neighborhoods in Squaw and the ski area. That Board offered a list of recommendations that should be included to make the presentation more robust. Formation of the district has received the required 51% approval from those who would be assessed, but ultimately the Board of Supervisors needs to approve it.

7. Information Items

A. Squaw Valley Base to Base Gondola Process Overview: Placer County staff will give a brief overview on the upcoming environmental review process for the Base to Base Gondola project. This update is to outline the process and many opportunities for the public input on the project. Note: this will be a brief presentation on the process only; staff and the applicant will return for a more detailed presentation on the project itself. Presenter: Heather Beckman, Associate Planner, Placer County

BECKMAN presented information regarding the draft EIR/EIS to SVMAC before the joint document is released for public comment. Tonight's presentation is being made to inform the public that the comment period is coming up. Also, this is not scheduled to come back to SVMAC until its June 7 meeting, which is after the Planning Commission will consider the project. The release of the draft EIR/EIS is scheduled for April 27. Written comments will be accepted between April 27 and June 11. The Planning Commission will meet May 24, at which time oral comments will be accepted.

BECKMAN provided an overview of the project, which proposes an 8-passenger gondola operating between Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows. Eight Gazex exploders are proposed on the Alpine side for avalanche control.

Discussion followed as the Council asked questions clarifying the project and comment period dates. ROMACK said this project will be presented at the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council (NTRAC) meeting on May 10, but is not scheduled to come back to SVMAC until June 7.

The topic was open to public comment. ED HENEVELD asked for further clarification on the dates and suggested this come back to SVMAC on May 3, before the Planning Commission meeting. He clarified that comments on the joint document (EIR and EIS) will be shared between the County and the US Forest Service.

Public comment was closed. There was agreement that SVMAC would like to have this item on the May 3 agenda.

B. Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation Update - The Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation (SVSMF) will present an update on their proposed project to build a museum in Squaw Valley. Presenter: David Antonucci, Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation Board President

ANTONUCCI narrated a Power Point presentation regarding the proposed 1960 Winter Olympics and Ski History Museum. He discussed the accomplishments of SVSMF since its formation in 2008, including collecting artifacts and fundraising for the Museum. The group has considered several sites for the Museum and ultimately decided to proceed with a location in Squaw Valley Park. A major capital campaign to raise approximately \$10 million will be launched to fund the project. ANTONUCCI is hoping to secure building permits and approvals from the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors by the end of 2018. Preliminary work has been funded in part by a \$125,000 TOT grant that required a match. A new TOT request is being submitted for \$250,000. He discussed various components of the Museum, including a café and multi-purpose space for community use.

ANTONUCCI showed a preliminary footprint of the project, including conceptual exterior views and a floorplan. He said the Park location was selected because it is visible and accessible, there is existing parking and utilities, and the cost of the property would be low under a long-term lease agreement with Placer County. It does not conflict with existing or proposed uses of the Park. A recent survey showed strong support for the Museum. There are no significant environmental issues that would need to be addressed at that location.

The Council asked questions regarding the presentation. BAZJANAC asked who the architect is. ANTONUCCI said a firm from San Francisco, Phau Long, is working with Ward Young in Truckee.

LANGE asked for clarification on how the community multi-purpose room would be used. ANTONUCCI said it will be a place for films, presentations, and lectures. He is proposing to fund this component from Park Dedication Fees. LANGE asked about cash flow. ANTONUCCI said revenues will be realized by rentals of that space, museum admissions, gift shop sales, and donations.

GEORGIU liked the idea of a museum to celebrate athletes and skiing history. Her concern is locating it in the Park. There is a lot of activity in the parking lot with kids running around, people pulling bikes off of cars, etc. She asked about anticipated usage. ANTONUCCI said traffic engineers did counts last summer in the parking lot and at the intersection. Based on anticipated demand and other museum's use, they determined the existing parking is adequate for the uses.

CALHOUN asked if the new pickleball courts would need to be moved. ANTONUCCI said the location was determined with the Museum in mind and there should not be any conflict.

BAZJANAC asked what three major problems have been addressed in the past 10 years. ANTONUCCI discussed the challenges with identifying the location. It's been difficult to fundraise given there are not yet firm plans.

STEPNER asked what TOT funding is for. ANTONUCCI said the new application is to fund preliminary design, continued public outreach, and to complete the land use permit and zoning change request. The current \$125,000 grant match is about half-way satisfied. STEPNER asked what level of environmental review will be required. ALLEN BREUCH from Placer County Planning said the County is determining whether an EIR or Negative Declaration will be done. STEPNER noted the US Forest Service deed restriction against commercial uses in the Park. ANTONUCCI explained the anticipated revenue sources will fund operations. Placer County Counsel has agreed that there is no incidental commercial activity proposed that would violate the deed restriction.

The topic was open to public comment. STEVE ARNES asked about the mission statement, which is available on the website.

ED HENEVELD voiced concern about locating the Museum in the Park. Since there is no concrete proposal, it's difficult to consider whether or not the deed restriction would be violated. He acknowledged that without approvals from the County and funding, it's difficult to gauge final uses. HENEVELD noted the conflicting uses in the parking lot raised by GEORGIU. HENEVELD supports the idea of the Museum, but not the location.

NANCY BARTUSCH plays pickleball almost every day and agrees there are a lot of kids and bikes in the parking lot. She feels the proposed location will impact the courts.

GARY DAVIS asked what is considered during the County's environmental review. BREUCH said there is the traffic report from LSC and a peer review is being done to analyze parking. All components of the project are being evaluated. The project application is available to the public at the County office in Tahoe City. FRED ILFELD asked for additional clarification on the environmental review options.

Public comment was closed. STEPNER asked if there is a deadline for payment of the required match on the current TOT grant. ERIN CASEY explained the process for showing the required 60% match and reimbursement of invoices. SVSMF Executive Director JILL MILNE said \$110,000 has been raised to satisfy the TOT match requirement. In response to a question regarding timing, ANTONUCCI said he expects the project plan to be completed this fall, including an Architectural Progress Report, architectural renderings, and 5% Design.

Discussion followed regarding the level of environmental review the County may require, the factors to be considered, and the proposed timeline for the project.

Public comment was reopened. HENEVELD asked about the operating budget. ANTONUCCI said the original pro forma indicated the project will be financially feasible. That is being updated.

Public comment was closed. There were no additional questions or comments.

8. Action Item

A. Selection of new Parks and Rec Subcommittee Member

GEORGIU reported ADRIANI has resigned from the Subcommittee. STEPNER was appointed to take her place.

9. MAC Member/Sub Committee Reports

A. Squaw Valley Design Review – David Stepner

STEPNER reported that at today's SVDRC meeting, the Committee reviewed the Via Ferrata, a climbing route that combines hiking with the use of mountaineering equipment. The proposal is for two routes and one wooden bridge along the face of the Tram. The main issue for SVDRC was the limitation in the 1983 General Plan. This is an allowable use on land zoned Recreational District that abuts Conservation Preserve District. The General Plan requires setbacks for structures (i.e., the bridge) that adjoins Conservation Preserve District, but does not specify a distance. SVDRC recommended approval.

Discussion followed regarding why this was not presented to SVMAC. ROMACK will get clarification on the reason this was not presented to SVMAC, what differentiates this project from the proposed Twister, and distribute a link to the full Power Point presentation on Via Ferrata.

B. Parks and Recreation – Alisa Adriani and Shelly Georgiu

GEORGIU reported Squaw Park Foundation has submitted a TOT grant request for a covered field and pavilion.

STEPNER reported the County has submitted a TOT grant request to repave the Park parking lot and bike trail.

10. Future Agenda Items

- STEPNER asked for a discussion about reducing of SVMAC members from 7 people to 5
- Andy Fischer will give a presentation on the Placer County Master Parks Plan
- The Twister
- The Gondola

11. Adjournment at 8:03 PM to next regular meeting on May 3, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary